

Please amend claims 1, 2, 16 and 17 as follows:

1. A system for interactive language instruction comprising:

a first module configured to convert input text to audible speech in a selected language, the audible speech being patterned after a model;

a user interface configured to receive utterances spoken by a user in response to a prompt to replicate the audible speech; and,

a second module configured to recognize the utterances and provide feedback to the user, the feedback being comprised of a confidence measure reflecting a precision at which the user replicates the audible speech in the selected language based on a comparison of the utterances to one of the audible speech and the model.

2. The system as set forth in claim 1 further comprising a third module synchronized to the first module for producing an animated image of a human face and head pronouncing the audible speech.

16. A system comprising:

a first module configured to convert input text to audible speech in a selected language, the audible speech indicative of a model;

a second module synchronized to the first module, the second module producing an animated image of a human face and head pronouncing the audible speech;

a user interface positioned to receive utterances spoken by a user in response to a prompt to replicate the audible speech; and,

a third module configured to recognize the utterances and provide feedback to the user, the feedback being comprised of at least one of a score, an icon and an audio segment reflecting a precision at which the user replicates the speech in the selected language based on a comparison of the utterances to one of the audible speech and the model.

17. A method for voice interactive language instruction comprising:  
converting input text data to audible speech data;

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generating audible speech comprising phonemes based on the audible speech data;  
outputting the audible speech through an audio output device;  
generating an animated image of a face and head pronouncing the audible speech;  
synchronizing the audible speech and the video image;  
prompting a user to replicate the audible speech;  
recognizing utterances generated by the user in response to the prompting;  
comparing the audible speech to the utterances; and,  
providing feedback to the user based on the comparison, the feedback comprised of at least one of a score, an icon and an audio segment reflecting a precision at which the user replicates the audible speech.

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Please add new claim 20 as follows:

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20. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein the confidence measure comprises at least one of a score, an icon, and an audio segment.

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